

MULTNOMAH PLEDGE FOR MT. HOOD ROAD WILL BE DUPLICATED

Informal Assurance Given by
Highway Commission to Rep-
resentatives of County As-
sisting Neighbors.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—Whatever sum Multnomah county pledges for the construction of the Mount Hood loop road, in conjunction with Clackamas and Hood River counties, will be duplicated by the state highway commission. This was the informal pledge of S. Benson, made at a meeting with Multnomah county commissioners and Judge H. S. Anderson of Clackamas county yesterday.

Though the conference was unofficial, the local commissioners took the matter under advisement and promised to make this county's share as nearly as possible in proportion to the benefit Multnomah county will receive from the construction of such a road. Clackamas county finds itself financially unable to stand a heavy drain for this road and it may be necessary for Multnomah to assist materially.

Definite information regarding funds which will be available for

roads is being sought by Multnomah commissioners that they may have something definite on which to base their plans for next year's construction. The county expects about \$30,000 from the market roads tax and \$150,000 from automobile license taxes, in addition to its own levy, but there are many fixed projects which need attention.

The Greeley street extension will cost much more than was contemplated, it is said; funds should be spent on Foster road and others, believe the commissioners, and the contribution to the loop road will be governed by the local road situation.

DISCUSSION AGREED TO BY BRITISH R. R. UNION

LONDON, Sept. 25.—After hours of deliberation executives of the national railway union today decided to accept the government's invitation to hold a conference in an effort to avert the threatened strike.

The press unanimously condemns railway men for what is described as an attempt to "hold up" the new ministry of transport, pointing out that there are still three months before the wage scale expires and that there is no justification for immediate action. Government critics blame the situation on Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of reconstruction, charging that a traitorous letter from him was construed as a government ultimatum.

BETTER REPAIR OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS TAKEN UP IN COUNCIL

City Attorney Calls Attention to
Certain Stretches Badly
Kept Up; H. B. Longley is
Named Street Commissioner

Certain streets and sidewalks in the city are in such shape that they should either be condemned or the persons whose property they front should be required to place them in safe condition. City Attorney James A. Fen told the city council last night. He referred to the numerous breaks in pavement on Main and Court streets in the business district and to the Webb street right of way of the Northern Pacific tracks.

Several of the council members agreed with the attorney that the railroad's right of way is poorly kept up and must be repaired. The city attorney was instructed to notify the company that the Main street crossing must be brought up to grade and the other depressions repaired.

H. B. Longley, formerly traffic officer for the city, was named street commissioner in place of John Heathman, to serve with a salary of \$110. Mr. Heathman has been ill for several months and is now out of the city. Mr. Longley will take office on Oct. 1.

Specifications for virtually all the street paving to be done in the city this fall were presented by the city engineer but because of a slight clerical error, were not submitted for adoption. The mention of paving, however, forth discussion, in which the city attorney read the recent statute of the state legislature.

Bidding Competitive

The law provides that contracts cannot be entered into for paving without competitive bidding between the patented and unpatented pavings. The city can specify the width, thickness and certain other qualities of hard surfacing it desires, but it cannot ask for bids alone on one kind of hard surface, according to the attorney's interpretation of the law. The city can, however, choose any material it wishes from the various bids submitted.

A petition was received from Dr. David H. Hill and others asking that grades be established at once in Livermore's second addition to Pendleton. Dr. Hill expects to erect a house on property there but desires that the grades be first established.

H. W. Dickson, deputy city treasurer, addressed a request to the council for an increase in salary. The matter was referred to the finance committee which reported back that Mr. Dickson should take his request to Major Lee Moorhouse, city treasurer.

Only one bid was received for the proposed Grant street sewer, that being from E. C. Day. The sewer is to be 1452 feet in length. The sewer committee decided to hold the bid for consideration.

21 Special Police

Among the bills audited and ordered paid was that of the 21 special police who worked for the city during Round-Up. These men were paid at the rate of \$5 a day.

The street superintendent was ordered to report on a request for a street light at Spruce and West Railroad street. Suggestion was made that the post in the middle of the street at the intersection of Main and Court should be removed as it is in danger of falling. It was hit by an auto recently and jarred loose.

FLAMES WIPE OUT PRINCIPAL BUSINESS BUILDINGS OF COVE

Damage Large, Not Yet Estimated, Insurance Small; Hotel Blown up by Dynamite New Post Office Destroyed

COVE, Sept. 25.—Fire originating at a meat market or grocery store in the Tripper block here at 6 o'clock yesterday wiped out the principal business portion of this town. The damage, which was large, has not been estimated. Insurance is comparatively small.

Union and La Grande dispatched fire engines to the scene, but before they could arrive the greater portion of damage was accomplished.

The Cove hotel, owned by Donham Wright, was blown up by dynamite to stop the fire. The Cove State Bank was damaged, but was saved, it being a brick building. The explosion checked the flames, reducing the area destroyed, but broke every plate glass window in town.

When the new postoffice building was destroyed, Postmaster Anderson refitted the old one which, fortunately, was equipped with boxes, and kept the mails moving uninterruptedly.

This is the second time in 16 years that the Tripper block, where the fire started, has been burned over.

There was little or no fire protection and all the citizens could do was to fight the flames with garden hose, which they did most heroically. Cove owes the fact that it was not entirely



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SNOW-FLAKES

SHE'S FOR IRELAND—AGAINST AGITATORS



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NEW YORK—Ireland is the most prosperous country in the world and would be all right but for agitators, says Lady Decius, who has arrived in this country for a visit. Lady Decius was Vivian Gould before she married and went across the water to

wiped out to the fact that the day was absolutely calm.

Among the other buildings destroyed were the following:

Bloom grocery store, Anderson hardware store, De Long butcher shop, Baxter barber shop, Thorson soft drink store, Mitchell blacksmith shop, Forstom store building, a plumbing shop, printery, The Cove theater.

The town hall and Masonic hall were on fire, but were saved with great difficulty.

The High and Dry
"Here's how!"
"That phrase always seemed foolish to me."
"It may not in the future."
"What do you mean?"
"You say to a friend, 'How can we get some higher?'"
"Well?"
"And he responds, 'Here's how!'"
—Lansville Courier-Journal.

Boy! Then It's Up to You!

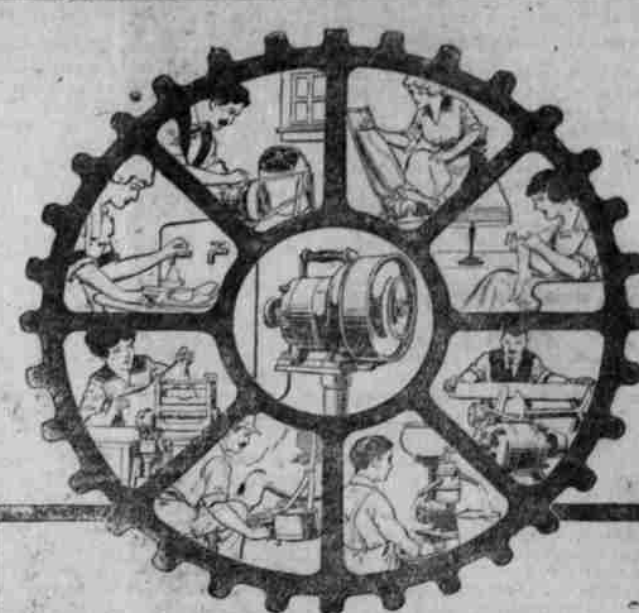
Two San Francisco negroes were discussing the possibilities of their being snuffed. "Taint gwine do 'em any good to pick on me," said Lemmy. "Ain't certainly ain't twice as any fightin'." Ah ain't got any gwine with a n-y-bodys, and Uncle Sam kaint make me fight." Jim pondered over this statement for a moment. "You're right," he said at length. "Uncle Sam kaint make you fight, but he can take you where it's fightin' be, and after that you kin use your cards and prize bombs into the yea' even judgment."—Eve-shady's rowd—after which a circle trip will Miquanne.

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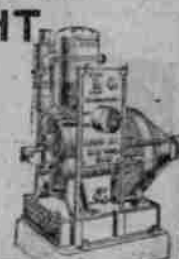
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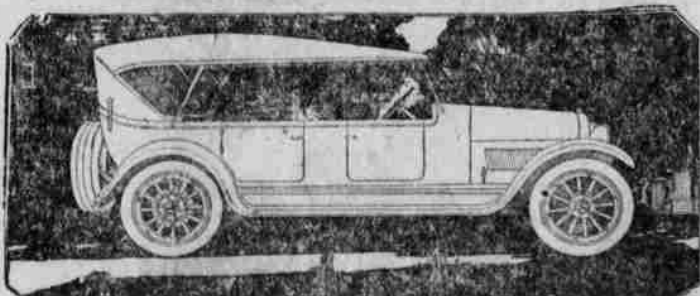
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